

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): David C. Racenet

Examiner: Michelle Lopez

Serial No.: 10/529,800

Group: Art Unit 3721

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For: TOOL ASSEMBLY FOR SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE

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- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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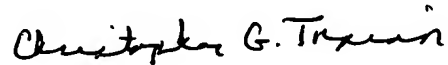
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2006, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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